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SUBJECT: FRG NOTE TO SELECTED AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS
ABIDJAN PASS TO AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELLE

1. ON DECEMBER 30, AMBASSADOR VON STADEN OF THE FRG DELIVERED A COPY OF THE FOLLOWING NOTE WHICH THE GERMANS HAVE SENT TO SELECTED AFRICAN COUNTRIES:

BEGIN TEXT OF NOTE

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAS STRESSED IN SEVERAL OFFICIAL STATEMENTS THAT IT WELCOMES THE QUICK PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION FOLLOWING THE OVERTHROW OF PORTUGAL. WE ALL THE MORE REGRET THAT ANGOLA WHICH HAS HARDLY GAINED INDEPENDENCE NOW THREATENS TO BE DRAWN INTO A CIVIL WAR WHICH MAY LEAD TO NEW DEPENDENCE, UNSPEAKABLE SUFFERANCE FOR THE POPULATION AND ECONOMIC RUIN OF THE COUNTRY.

IN AGREEMENT WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE ANGOLAN PROBLEM AS AN INTER-AFRICAN AFFAIR WHICH MUST BE SOLVED ABOVE ALL BY THE AFRICAN STATES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE OAU. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS FOLLOWED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE OAU TO SPEAK OUT NEITHER IN FAVOUR OF

NOR AGAINST ANY OF THE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. BUT IT FILLS US WITH GREAT CONCERN THAT OTHER FOREIGN POWERS SEEM TO BE ATTEMPTING WITH APPARENT SUCCESS TO MAKE THEIR OWN INTERESTS FELT THROUGH MILITARY INTERVENTION AND THE CREATION OF NEW SPHERES OF INFLUENCE, THUS WAGING AN IDEOLOGICAL BATTLE ON AFRICAN GROUND.

OUR HOPES ARE THEREFORE THAT AT THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE OF THE OAU THE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS MAY SUCCEED IN FRUSTRATING ANY SUCH ATTEMPTS WHEREVER THEY MAY ORIGINATE. THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY UNITS ALREADY ON ANGOLAN TERRITORY SHOULD, IN PARTICULAR, BE ACHIEVED, AND THE RIVAL POLITICAL FORCES WITHIN ANGOLA SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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INDUCED TO FORM A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY.

I WISH YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT MUCH SUCCESS IN YOUR EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA AND IN THE INTEREST OF AFRICA."

END OF TEXT.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER HAS SENT THE ABOVE IN IDENTICAL MESSAGES TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF: ZAMBIA, LIBERIA, GHANA, MALAWI, UGANDA, NIGERIA, KENYA, TANZANIA, AND EGYPT. THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF ZAIRE HAS RECEIVED THE SAME MESSAGE FOR INFORMATION ONLY. ROBINSON

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